

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: August 12, 2013

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman Daniel E. Donovan, III, Selectmen William F. Condra and Richard E. Swanson, and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Donovan.

Steve Elliott attended the meeting to discuss the purchase of a compactor for the Recycling Center. The Warrant Article approved \$35,900 for a compactor. Steve showed the Board two proposals, one from Waste Management for \$30,900 and the other one from DS Slocomb for \$23,500. Both prices are for a refurbished unit and come with a one year warranty. There was a discussion about the savings that can be expected when the Town has a compactor, which should be about \$5,000 - \$7,000 per year. The expected delivery date is in the fall. Selectman Condra inquired about the comparison of the different brands represented in the bids. Steve will get the comparison information.

Highway equipment rental to other departments was discussed next. Steve stated that the charges have not been updated for several years. He uses numbers from the FEMA database for comparison. The price increase is not huge. The Board agreed to the new prices Steve set. He will present them to the Water and Sewer Boards.

The next item Mr. Elliott discussed was chipping brush. He stated that it was more labor intensive to chip the brush as opposed to burning it as they had done in the past. There was a discussion about charging

people for taking brush. It was decided that for now, Steve will continue to chip the brush.

The intersection at Dale Street and Pead Hill Road was discussed next. Brent Hautanen attended to explain his concerns about the intersection. He also mentioned a complaint from a resident concerning the same area. He stated that the sight distance is not good. Steve Elliott has also received complaints about the intersection. There was a discussion on how to make it safer. There was also a discussion on the intersection at Isaac Frye Highway and Burns Hill Road. Steve Elliott got a quote from Monadnock Survey of \$3500 for the Dale Street and Pead Hill Road intersection, and he is in favor of taking the money out of his resurfacing budget. It was agreed to use money from the resurfacing budget for the engineering fees for the Dale Street and Pead Hill Road intersection and putting the Isaac Frye Highway and Burns Hill Road intersection off until next year.

Next, Chief Hautanen talked about a Maple Street incident. He had been on Maple Street when a tractor trailer was going down the street, taking up the entire street. The driver told Brent that the State DOT told him to use Maple Street as a thru-trucking connection to Milford. Brent noted that there is nothing that says it can't be used as a thru-trucking route so he is suggesting the Maple Street be added to the Town's No Thru-Trucking ordinance. Chairman Donovan stated that this would require a public hearing, but the Board agreed that it should be done.

Selectman Swanson updated the Board on the Goss Park agreement. He stated that the committee noticed that Wilton was paying more than its' fair share for the use of Goss Park. No one was clear on how or when the ratio had been determined but they agreed that it would be fair to make it match the population ratios of the two towns. And the Town of Wilton has been writing off the tax revenue, believing that the Town owned the park. It was agreed by the committee that Goss Park

will pay their own property taxes and the towns will pay their fair share. Chairman Donovan noted that the park was a valuable resource for both towns. The Goss Park Board is comfortable with this arrangement and the Wilton Board of Selectmen is also. Selectman Swanson will ask Lyndeborough Selectman Byam for his Board's opinion.

Chairman Donovan spoke of complaints that had been received regarding off premise signage for Hilltop Café. Selectman Condra told how they were approved for a fixed number of customers and parking spaces and it appears they have exceeded these limits. The Board will ask John Shepardson to write a letter to tell the owner of the Café exactly what is permitted. Also he will review the site plan and bring it to the attention of the owner. Selectman Condra mentioned the signs all over town for the Farmer's Market and a sign on Route 101 advertising a barbershop. All of these signs are off-site advertising, which is not allowed in the ordinance. Selectman Condra will review the ordinance and the Board will revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Steve Elliott talked to the Selectmen about a Water Dept issue he was having; the Water Department Superintendent was borrowing the backhoe without obtaining Steve's permission. Selectman Condra stated that the Water Commissioners should discuss the issue.

Chairman Donovan updated the Board on the progress at the Fire Station. The engineering solution work should be done within the week. The Highway Department will begin removing the stone wall. The entire project completion date should still be January with the unit closed-in by November. There have been some changes made which will save money so they will be within budget.

Chairman Donovan gave the Board an update on where the taser discussion stood. He met with Chief Hautanen and noted that there had not been enough time for his entire taser presentation so it was

suggested that Brent talk individually to each Board member. Dan suggested the possibility of tabling the discussion with the Board of Selectmen and putting it before the voters at Town Meeting. Selectman Swanson submitted a news article regarding a taser incident. Selectman Condra spoke about the device being used as an enforcement tool. The Selectmen are willing to meet with Brent to discuss the issue.

Selectman Swanson spoke about the Energy Committee. They have scheduled a meeting to discuss hydro- power. The history and feasibility of hydro-power will be discussed.

The distribution from LGC HealthTrust was discussed and the Board agreed that the employees and one retiree who had contributed should be refunded.

The Storm water Management Plan was discussed by Chairman Donovan.

The minutes were signed.

The manifests were approved.

Payroll for period ending 8/10/13 was approved.

One (1) Timber Tax Warrant was signed.

One (1) PA-28 Form notification was signed.

One (1) Mosaic Parcel release form was signed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. by Chairman Donovan, seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary